

#### **Case Information:**

32

Patients diagnosed with acute hepatitis C

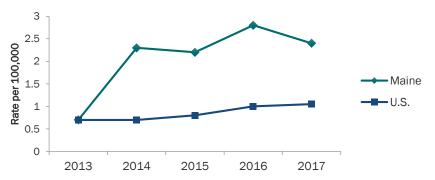
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Cases per 100,000 people 243%

Increase since 2013

Maine has the 9th

highest rate of acute hepatitis C in the US



## **Risk Factors:**



Were people who injected drugs



28.1%

Were incarcerated prior to infection

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3.1%

Were born between 1945-1965



18.8%

Were people with multiple sex partners



6.3<sup>%</sup>

Received an unlicensed tattoo prior to infection

#### **Clinical Characteristics:**



 37.5% of patients were hospitalized

- 97% of patients had symptoms
- 97% of patients had elevated liver enzyme lab results
- 37.5% of patients had jaundice

# **Acute Hepatitis C**

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## **Demographics:**

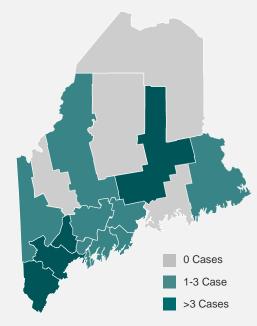


59% of patients were male

33 years old on average

94% White 3% African American 3% Unknown race

### Geography:



#### Prevention:

- Do not share syringes or injection kit equipment.
- Get tested for hepatitis C, especially if you are a person who injects drugs, were ever incarcerated, born between 1945-1965 or received an unlicensed tattoo.
- · If you have hepatitis C, seek medical care.
- Get vaccinated against hepatitis B, especially if you have hepatitis C.

#### For more information visit:

https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hcv/index.htm http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectiousdisease/epi/hepatitis/index.shtml